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2023 Donor Program a Great Success

As our year is winding down, we want to thank the many Donors who have made possible our support of the Payson Public Library. We have received over \$9,000 from private and corporate donors, which has helped the Payson Public Library in many ways. This fiscal year so far, we provided over \$18,000 for new books, ground maintenance, computer monitors and more! See page 6 for a total listing of donors, which reads like a roll-call of honor.

In the coming weeks of 2024, we will once again launch our Donor program., so be on the lookout for a letter describing the details. All Donors will receive :

- A complimentary 1-year membership in the Library Friends of Payson, Inc.,
- A 12-month subscription to our bi-monthly newsletter, Among Friends
- Voting privileges at our Officer/Board of Director elections
- Prominent acknowledgement throughout the Library and on social media

As a 501(3) (c) non-profit organization, your donation is 100% tax-deductible as a charitable gift. We are proud to say that, as an organization, over 92% of all monies go directly to Library books, supplies and equipment that are not included in its regular budget from the Town and County Library district. We keep our administrative costs very low, because all our Officers and Board members are volunteers. We work very hard to make sure your donation is used wisely!

Thank You!

Payson Public Library

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Emily Linkey, Director

www.paysonaz.gov/Departments/Library/

Library Hours

M, Th 9am—6 pm

T, W 9am—7 pm

F, S 9am—3 pm

Closed Sunday

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The Library Friends of Payson, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide financial and community support to the Payson Public Library. We believe that public libraries comprise an integral aspect of community identity and development, and we support endeavors that encourage literacy and free inquiry within the individual, the family, and society.



Shelly Sundra

President's Corner

by Shelly Sundra

Dear Library Friends,

Greetings to All!

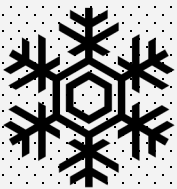
We are officially in the holiday season, which is absolutely amazing! I do not know where this year has gone. And I'm sure it has nothing to do with getting older and time flying.

I just love seeing all the lights and wonderful decorations people take the time to put up. I have been known to drive around town several times a week to see the latest and greatest holiday decorations.



Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.

—Edith Sitwell



Fall and Christmas are my favorite times of the year, but Christmas tops them! My grandson takes after me as he wants to put the Christmas tree up as soon as it starts getting chilly, like September 1st. My tree is usually up, at the latest, the day after Thanksgiving, but usually much sooner than that. Especially if my grandson has any influence on me, which, well, hello, you know how that goes if you are a grandparent.

My favorite go to recipe for the holidays is Ambrosia. That's what I always bring to our family get-togethers as well as any potluck I happen to be invited to. It's a super easy recipe and always turns out yummy. And everyone always likes it. I don't use a recipe per se, but just throw the following ingredients together. You can adjust according to your likings. Drain both pineapple chunks and mandarin oranges, whatever ratio you want. I usually use 3 cans pineapple to 4 cans mandarin oranges. Then add shredded coconut flakes and mini marshmallows. The dressing is just sour cream. To make it look more festive for the holidays, I will cut maraschino cherries in half and

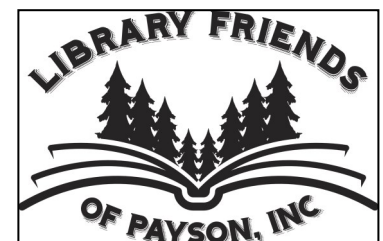
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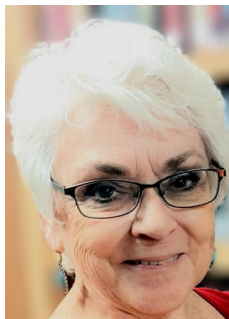
Library Friends Activities

<https://libraryfriendsofpayson.wordpress.com/>

You may have noticed our new logo on the front page of this newsletter. We are so pleased with it! It was created by Arizona Vinyl Signs & Graphics (<https://www.arizonavynl.com/>).

You will be seeing it in all of our print publications, as well as on our Facebook page. Our thanks to Cindy Kofile, who listened and understood our preferences. She gave us 5 different designs from which to choose. We hope you like it as much as we do!



Check it Out!**By Kathy Morgan****<https://www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library>****Kathy Morgan**

Cooler temperatures are here and now is a good time to make that trip to the Valley, take in a museum or two, and just explore a bit. Wanting to see what's new at the Heard Museum, or stroll through the beautiful gardens at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum? With the **"Act One" Culture Pass** you have a choice of nine different museums to choose from in the Phoenix/Scottsdale/Mesa/Fountain Hills/Gilbert/Cave Creek areas alone, plus an arboretum and a botanical garden. You can also visit two museums and a zoo in Tucson, and various museums in Camp Verde, Globe, Apache Junction, Sedona, Wickenburg, Cave Creek, Superior, and Arcosanti in May-

er. The very best part is that you can visit these various museums for FREE, simply by using your library card.

Here's how it works. Stop by the **"Act One"** display in the Payson library, right across from the Circulation Desk. Select the museum or venue you want to visit, take the card to the Check-Out desk, and in return you will receive a voucher that is good for two people, free of charge, to visit the location you have selected. The voucher is good for up to two persons for seven days from the checkout date shown on your library receipt.

Many of these museums usually charge up to \$25 per person, or more, so this is a huge savings. For a complete list of the various participating locations, go to the Gila County Library District website (www.gclzaz.org) and click on the "Act One" Culture Pass button. Or just stop by the library and pick up a copy of the various arts and cultural institutions participating in this exciting program. For more information, just ask one of the library staff. They are always happy to help however they can.

There is always something new and fun happening at the library, so stop by soon and see all the amazing things the Payson library offers. Check it out!

Editor's note: You must have a current Library card to apply for a culture pass. Check out other resources, like virtual reality and in-person field trips for schools at <https://act1az.org/culture-pass>.

**ONLINE BOOK SALES**

By Peter Rothenbach

For 2023, through mid-November we have sold **245 books for a profit of \$ 3630.** Our recent best sellers were:

"Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History" \$140

"Kitchen Goes to War" \$50. This is a small booklet of recipes printed in England during WWII. The recipes were submitted by English celebrities and we shipped it to the buyer in England.

"Constitution and the Attorneys General" \$40.

"Horse Training: Outdoor" \$30.

"Putnams Stimulants and Narcotics" \$30. This book was printed in 1895.

"Brutal Battles of Vietnam" \$30.

"Textiles of the Banjar" \$30.

These books represent the wide variety that we receive as donations and are able to sell to support our library.

Bookstore Update

Looking for a perfect Holiday gift? During the month of December, we will be highlighting our Holiday book collection, so come in often to buy fiction and nonfiction books with a Holiday theme, all priced to sell quickly. We have been gathering these seasonal books all year, and you can choose from some of your favorite authors. We have hardcover, trade paperbacks, and standard paperbacks!

If you are cleaning out your bookshelves at home, we love to receive your donations of:

- Magazines (monthly issues current to 6 months old, weekly issues current to 3 weeks old)
- Adult Fiction
- History and Politics
- Arts and Crafts
- Southwest/Arizona
- Gardening/Home Improvement
- Children's books in good condition
- Current Computer Books (published in past year)
- DVDs, CDs, puzzles

We prefer not to receive:

- Encyclopedia and Sets (Time-Life, etc)
- Old Computer Books/Manuals older than 3 years
- Magazines older than 1 year
- Health/Medical books older than 2 years
- VHS Videos
- Cookbooks



When books are visibly damaged, moldy, mildewed, water damaged, or infested with insects/spiders, we will discard them for safety reasons.

Bookstore Sales Report by Stephanie Collins

The Bookstore's revenue for October was \$670.92. This was less than last month and about the same as last October. The year-to-date total of \$7528. It is better than the same period last year by \$868.97.

The Internet group's profit for the month was \$357.00. This was less than last month, and also less than the previous October. A copy of *The Constitution and the Attorneys General* by H. Jefferson Powell sold for \$40.00. The profit through October is \$3548.00.

The combined total was \$1027.92 for the month and \$11076.11 year to date.

Let's try to end the year with a bang and beat last year's total of \$13240! There are also gift certificates available in various amounts for those book lovers in your life.

Thank you for all your support!



Upcoming Meetings

by Denise Blanchette

The Library Friends of Payson meet the 3rd Monday of each month (except July and December) at 10:00am in the expanded meeting room of the Payson Public Library at 328 N. McLane Road. The public is welcome to attend, and attendance is FREE! We always have a guest speaker presenting a topic of interest, and students are also welcome to attend. NOTE: There will be no meeting in December, but we will resume our regular meetings in January 2024.

January 22, 2024: **Gail Kittleson** (www.gailkittleson.com/), a part-time Pine resident, will introduce us to *Land That I Love* (2020), a novel set in Texas Hill Country during WWII, and *A Hill Country Christmas: Hope for Hardscrabble Times* written in collaboration with 4 other writers.

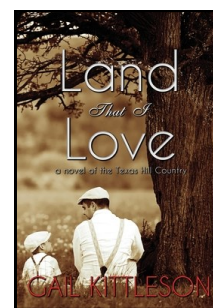
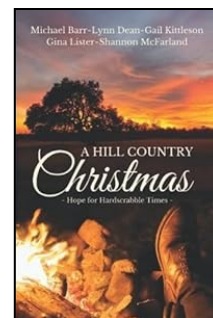
Note: 4th Monday of January

February 26, 2024: **New EAC Biology Professor** and her students will present a program on nutrition (tentative). **Note: 4th Monday of February**

March 18, 2024: **Chris Jones** of U of A; **David Mikulak**, Arborist; **Kevin McCully**, Payson Fuels Manager — will present a program on Firewise landscape and general tree care

April 15, 2024: **Sharon Langdale**, local artist and author will discuss her new novel, a mystery that takes place in Colorado and Gila County, Arizona—*Maggie and the Ute Tribe*, featuring a Native American deputy sheriff who is called upon to solve murders.

Future speakers include Julie Bradley, who visited us in 2022 to share her and her husband's sailing adventures, returned to share their experiences exploring the Sea of Cortez, also known as the Gulf of California.



Rim Country Readers

You are cordially invited to join the **Rim Country Readers** at their meetings, the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am in the Payson Public Library. Each meeting includes a discussion of selected books, which span all genres.

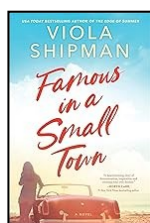
January 17, 2024: *Homecoming*, by Kate Morton—recommended by Romaine Brophy

February 21, 2024: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, by Lisa See—recommended by Noel Gosnel

March 20, 2024 *Famous in a Small Town*, by Viola Shipman—recommended by Pam Schofield

Other titles planned but not scheduled include *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus; *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict; *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier; *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion.

All Rim Reader meetings are open to the public, with no membership fee.





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LFOP Homebound Service

by Olivia Covelli

For readers who are unable to make it to the Payson Public Library themselves, the Library Friends of Payson offers a program just for them. Our FREE Homebound Service utilizes volunteers to deliver and return books of the patron's choice.

One volunteer is assigned to each patron and between them work out a schedule that works for both of them. This service is free of charge and available to anyone who is temporarily or permanently 'homebound' or unable to leave home unattended. A Library card is required and can be easily obtained if the patron does not yet have a card.

We have seen many friendships that often result from this service, making the process even more enjoyable!

To learn more, you can contact us by email at library_friends@hotmail.com, or contact the Payson Public Library at 928-474-9260.



President's Corner, con't

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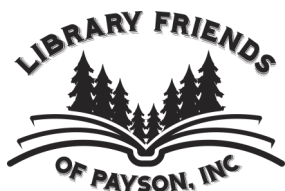
place them on top of the finished delightful treat.

December is full of holidays, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is on December 7th, the first day of Hanukkah is also on December 7th. Winter Solstice begins on December 21st. Christmas Day is December 25th and Kwanzaa is December 26th. And we end the year on December 31st with New Year's Eve.

Whatever holiday you celebrate, I hope you have a wonderful season spending time with family and friends! Please remember to check our monthly calendar or just stop in and enjoy our peaceful sitting area while taking in a good book or reading a magazine or the newspaper.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Shelby



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